

Nathaniel Freeman – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Nathaniel Freeman was born in Eastham in the late 1600's. He was the son of Samuel Freeman Jr. and his second wife widow Bathsheba (Lothrop) Smith. He was the grandson of Deacon Samuel Freeman whose mother Apphia was the third wife of Gov. Thomas Prence. Nathaniel was one of twelve children of Samuel and Bathsheba. Nathaniel married Mary Paine and died at a young age in 1727. Nathaniel is an example of a third generation Eastham resident who received significant land grants.

1703

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats near Bass Hole and next to the lot of Nathaniel Young. The dimensions indicate this parcel was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes.
PDF A274, M154.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman, John Bangs and Israel Bangs and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow by the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A276, S88.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet Flats. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF S97.

1711

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman, John Freeman, Joseph Cooke, Ebenezer Snow and Barnabas Wixam one of twenty-four lots at Great Island at Billingsgate. Lot size was not given but most of these lots were about six or seven acres. PDF T88.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs about four acres on the eastern side of his meadow and on the southern side of Major John Freeman's land. Also granted to Nathaniel Freeman was about one-half acre on the westerly side of the way to Major Freeman's land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T113.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs about four acres on the southern side of his other land and next to land of Samuel Knowles Jr. provided that William Nickerson and John Freeman Jr. and their heirs were allowed to stack their hay on the upland side of the meadow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees.

PDF T113.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot. The lot was between the Grapevine Swamp and First Brook and next to the Knowles wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T113.

1715

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs two parcels of land amounting to about twelve acres. One parcel was next to his land near Wixam's orchard and next to land of Major John Freeman. Another parcel consisted of several strips of land next to his other land and next to land of Major John Freeman. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T226.

Granted to Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs about twenty acres near the head of Blackfish Creek and next to meadows of Thomas Doane and Samuel Paine. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and fences. PDF T282.

For ten shillings Nathaniel Freeman purchased from the agents for the proprietors about one-half acre next to his other land at Namskaket and next to the way that went from Major John Freeman's property southerly to the Common Road. PDF T307.

1722

Nathaniel Freeman requested that a committee appointed by the proprietors establish the bounds of his meadow and sedge ground lying between Little Skaket River and Great Skaket River and near the mouth of the harbor. The dimensions indicate the property was about twelve acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes and rocks marked F. PDF T328.

The land owned by Nathaniel Freeman and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty-five acres. By 1745 fourteen more Freemans received Eastham land grants.

